annual financial report for the year ending 31st December, 1881:—The total expenditure for the year has been $8,068 73 Receipts, $6.468 51. Difference, $1,600,22 The total number of admissions for the year has been 392—240 males and 152 females—which made a collective stay in Hospital of 15 629 days, and an average stay of 40 days to each patient, at a daily cost of 51cts per day, including salaries of officers and attendants, and all other expenditure. Annexed will be found a statement in detail.

I have the honor to be, gentlemen, your most obedient servant.

STEPHEN GRANT, Hospital Steward.

London General Hospital,
31st December, 1881.

Detailed statement of the expenditure of the London General Hospital for the year ending 31st December, 1881:—

Groceries, including wine and spirits	$1,476 62
Advertiser	5 00
Bread	397 33
Boots	16 00
Crockery	41 91
Coal	408 09
Chimney sweeping	3 75
Coffins and funerals	159 00
Cab driving	1 50
Cleaning clocks	3 25
Dry goods	235 29
Fish	107 73
Furniture	10 00
Garden flowers, roots, etc	106 79
Glazing	12 40
Hardware	24 41
Ice	17 55
Jobbing	57 82
Meat	900 40
Milk	365 25
Medicine	572 94
Matron and servants	1,008 25
Odorless Company	10 00
Plunbing and excavations	208 19
Potatoes and vegetables	122 04
Postage	5 77
Painting and whitewashing	161 77
Refeigerator	47 00
Beer	22 25
Straw	32 73
Soft soap	57 00
Saw sharpening	8 30
Telephone account	35 00
Lime	70
Oil, stoves and furniture	117 50
Wood	208 18
	$6,968 73
Resident Surgeon and Steward's salaries	1,100 00
	$8,068 73

RECEIPTS.

Township of Colborne, county of Huron	$182 50	
Township of Dereham, county of Oxford	16 00	
Township of Raleigh, county of Kent	23 65	
Town of Chatham	16 50	
Property of deceased persons	13 95	
Sale of lawn grass	13 00	
		$ 265 60
Patients paying themselves		1,882 10
Interest on debentures		409 50
County of Middlesex patients, 1,934 days, at 51c per day		986 34
		$2,743 54

GOVERNMENT AID.

Allowance of 20c. per day on 11 259 days	$2 261 80	
Supplementary allowance at 10c	1,125 90	
Allowance at 7c. per day on 4 961 days for cases which were not considered proper hospital patients	347 27	
		$3 724 97
		$5,468 97

A further analysis of the foregoing grocery accounts shows

The cost of butter for year	$355 21
The cost of beer, wine and spirits	168 23
The cost of flour and meal	40 43
The cost of tea and coffee	176 94
Brooms, brushes, soap, starch, blue, pepper, salt, apples, washtubs and buckets, eggs, sugar, matches, and supplies not here enumerated	735 81
	$1,476 62

Dr. Wilkinson presented his quarterly report for the period during Dec. 30,1881, which was as follows:

Remaining in hospital, Sept. 30th	36
" " Dec. 31st	43
Number admitted	98
" medical	53
" surgical	32
" confinements	7
" births	6
" discharged	67
" cured	39
" improved	23
" died	5
" births	5
" deaths	1
" prescriptions	153
" refilled	221
" our patients	32

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Received and considered *seriatum.*

1st clause read.

Moved by Ald. Jones, seconded by Ald. Love, that the name of Dr. Payne, be substituted.

On motion Dr. Browne was heard relative to the matter.

He stated that he could unqualifiedly recommend Dr. Wilkinson for the position.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Pritchard, seconded by Ald. Love, that Dr. Payne be appointed Medical Superintendent and Steward, and that the services of Mrs. Stanley as matron be retained Lost.

Ald. Jones withdrew his motion.

The division on the amendment was :—

Yeas—Pritchard, Smyth, Jones, Love, Milroy, Higgins, Partridge —7.

Nays—Wilson, Adams, Murray, Cowan, O'Meara, Stringer, Ferguson, Browne, Rayner, Boyd, Scarrow, Buckle, Wyatt, Sharman.—11.

Ald. Love moved, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the matter of the appointment of a House Surgeon be referred to the new Council for disposal. Lost. Clause adopted.

2nd, 3rd and 4th clauses read and passed.

5th clause.

Moved by Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Jones, that the matter be referred to the new Council. Carried.

PRINTING.

Ald. Higgins, chairman of the Printing Committee submitted the following report:—

Your Committee beg leave to report having examined the following accounts and recommend the same to Finance Committee for payment.

1st.—That the 20 per cent discount taken off the HERALD advertising account, amounting to $40 88, be allowed, as the Committee has no authority to make such reduction.

2nd.—Your Committee would also recommend the Council to make the usual annual grant of $25 to each of the three reporters who represent the three city papers, who endeavored throughout the past year to give the citizens faithful reports of Council proceedings.

3rd.—That the account of M D. Dawson & Co., amounting to $27.95, for advertising, be paid.

Received and adopted.

RAILWAY

Ald. Pritchard, Chairman of the Railway Committee, submitted the following report :—

Your Committee, after carefully considering the communication of Mr. A. Cleghorn, asking the Council's co-operation to obtain a charter to build a line of railway from this city to some point on Lake Erie at or near Port Burwell, would recommend that the matter be referred to the new Council,

Ald. Scarrow moved, seconded by Ald. Murray, that the prayer of the petition of A. Cleghorn be granted, asking the City Council to endorse the application for a charter by the London Junction Railway from London to Port Burwell, and that W. R. Meredith, Esq, be requested to support the same in the Local Legislature. Carried.

The petition was read and signed by His Worship the Mayor.

On motion the Council adjourned.